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Human Traffic & Trafficking

Description

Drawing on interdisciplinary approaches to globalization, the course critically examines the forced and/or coercive global transfer of people, the traffic and trafficking of humans, through historical and contemporary perspectives. Topics may include migrant smuggling, forced labor, slave trade, sex workers, voices of survival workers, and self-advocacy in survival communities.

Objectives

1. Identify patterns of human traffic(king) and labor migrations.
2. Both individually and collaboratively evaluate and draw conclusions from international case law, local laws, and case studies.
3. Integrate different theories about global migrations and human traffic(king) with the increasing body of international, national and local policies and practices in order to address issues of illegal trafficking and coercive migration practices.
4. Demonstrate collaborative problem solving through a team project focused on historical, political, economic, and/or socio-cultural problems of human traffic(king) in its interdisciplinary complexity and to develop new policies, strategies and legislation to prevent human trafficking, improve conditions of migrant workers worldwide, and curb forced migrations.
5. Present collaborative findings to a diverse audience, detailing both the historical and current complexity of human traffic(king) and the limitations of current strategies in fighting the global exploitation of migrant labor.

Topics

Topics may include:

- Shared goals and collaboration
- Theories of global migration
- Collected Interviews, Histories, and Stories from the perspective of survival workers
- Self-Advocacy from within survival workers communities
- Historical and contemporary studies of human traffic(king)
- Analysis of international, national and local laws as well as policy initiatives geared towards addressing issues related to human traffic(king)
- Relating human traffic(king) to the intersections of race, ethnicity, class and gender
- Case studies of human traffic(king)
- Integrative studies of human traffic(king)
- Developing Problem Statements
- Patterns of human traffic(king) and forced labor migrations
- Migrant smuggling and migrant labor

- Mail order brides
- Sex Trafficking
- Sweatshop Labor

Methods of Evaluation

Methods of Evaluation May Include:

1. Individual Reflection Papers about readings and/or online blogs or journals
2. Discussion Participation (online discussion boards and/or in-class discussion)
3. Self and Peer Assessment of team collaboration (online survey and/or in-class handout)
5. Team Project (annotated bibliography, research paper, and/or academic poster)
6. Team Presentations - Wikis, Prezis, and/or in-class Presentation

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